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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/917,257	RUMYNIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-149 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 55-65 and 122 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 44-47 and 123-149 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9, 48-54, 66-68, 78, 80-86, 120 and 121 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 10-43, 69-77, 79 and 87-119 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 July 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/769,954.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/18/03, 7/3/03</u>   21   04 + 7   21   04 | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
|  | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                    |

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2 and 48-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown.

Brown's Fig. 1 illustrates and column 1, lines 45-65 describe a parallel counter including a logic circuit that receives a plurality of inputs and outputs the elementary symmetric functions OR\_2\_2 and EXOR\_2\_1.

3. Claims 66-68, 78 and 83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wright.

Wright's Fig. 3 illustrates and column 4, lines 41-47 describe a logic circuit that includes logic elements (threshold gate 31) that receives at least four inputs and outputs the elementary OR symmetric function (OR\_5\_2) having a threshold of at least 2.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. Claims 3-9, 48-54, 80-86, 120 and 121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3-9 and 80-86 are the recitation of function without the recitation of the structure that is necessary to perform the function. Claims 48-54 and 120-121 are inconsistent with claims 1 and 78, respectively, because the independent claims are limited to a parallel counter and a logic circuit, respectively.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 44-47 and 123-149 are allowed.
6. Claims 10-43, 69-77, 79 and 87-119 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

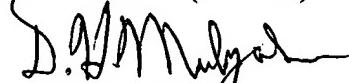
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Malzahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3727. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on 571-272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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